

Monday, April 14

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Registration East Lobby Alcove

Tuesday, April 15

7:15 Registration Ballroom Level

Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by Waterman Steamship Corporation

8:00 GENERAL SESSION Regency Ballroom

- Welcome
- George Aldaya, Director
Kansas City Commodity Office
Farm Service Agency (FSA), USDA
- Delivering Hope
- Bert Farrish, Deputy Administrator
Commodity Operations, FSA, USDA
- A World of Change
- Lauren Landis, Director
Food for Peace, USAID

8:45 Keynote Address: Putting Into Action America’s Commitment to Alleviate Hunger and Build Hope

- Tony Hall
U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Agencies in Rome

9:30 The Role of Agricultural Trade Reform in Developing Economies

- J. B. Penn, Under Secretary
Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA
and Chairman of the Food Aid Policy Committee

10:00 Break Ballroom Level

10:30 GENERAL SESSION Regency Ballroom

- Food Aid and Foreign Policy
- Andrew Natsios, Administrator, USAID

Unprecedented Challenge: Dramatic Rise in the Need for Food Aid

- James T. Morris, Executive Director
United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)

Looking Ahead, Facing Challenges, and Standing Up for U.S. Food Aid Programs

- Ellen Terpstra, Administrator
Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), USDA

12:00 LUNCH Pershing Hall, Lobby Level

Sponsored by Sealift

- Special Guest:
The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson, U.S. Representative - Missouri

1:30 GENERAL SESSION Regency Ballroom

Private Voluntary Organizations
Importance of Developmental Food Aid

Moderator: Charlie MacCormack, Save the Children

Panel: Julius Coles, Africare; Charles Sandefur, ADRA; Buzz Guroff, Food for Development; Bruce Wilkinson, World Vision; and Susan Farnsworth, CARE

3:00 Break Ballroom Level

3:30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1-A Processed and Bulk Commodity Procurement Empire A

Export procurement staff from Washington and Kansas City will discuss bridge points and other point-of-purchase issues.

Moderator: Richard Chavez, FSA, USDA

Panel: Nelson Randall, Tim Reaman, and Todd Shuck, FSA, USDA

1-B Ocean Transportation -A Look Into The Future Empire B

Highlights include the new look of ocean transportation contracting for food aid and how the new booking note will impact PVOs and WFP. New ways to procure commodities for the food aid programs, cargo preference issues, status of past litigation, and future rule making will be discussed.

Moderator: Robert Goldman, USAID

Panel: Tom Harrelson, MARAD; Don Gressett, OGC, USAID; H. Keith Powell, Potomac Marine; and Ken Martin, FSA, USDA

1-C Marine Losses and Mitigation Empire C

Anyone handling export food aid products will want to learn about types of losses and suggestions for appropriate mitigation steps to be taken as losses are discovered.

Moderator: Gene Belcher, FSA, USDA

Panel: Rudy Monsalve, ADRA; Peter Reitz, Salesian Missions; Mike Sullivan, IOCC; Joe Gerstle, Consultant, Association of PVOs (APVOFM); and Lee Thompson, Africare

1-D Food Aid From "A To Z" - Part 1 on Video New York

Explore the processes of each stage of the food aid chain. This popular presentation was videotaped for those who did not see it last year.

PVOs as Order Originators - Mark Smith, The American Red Cross

FAS, USDA - Robin Tilsworth, FAS, USDA

USAID - Jim Thompson, USAID

FSA, USDA-Processed Commodities - Nelson Randall, FSA, USDA

FSA, USDA-Bulk Commodities - Todd Shuck, FSA, USDA

1-E FAS Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Programming Benton

For those in cooperating sponsor organizations, FAS staff will conduct a walk through of the requisites and time schedules for food aid needs.

Moderator: Robin Tilsworth, FAS, USDA

Panel: Ron Croushorn, Michael Fay, and Babette Gainor, FAS, USDA

1-F Total Quality System Audit San Francisco

Learn about the background, scope, goals, and accomplishments of these important quality audits. Current audit activity and future possibilities will be discussed.

Moderator: Cathie McCullough, FSA, USDA

Panel: Ellen Gay, Cargill; Jose Gonzalez, LaNell Stepp, and Jim Johnson, FSA, USDA

5:30 Reception - Sponsored by Pershing Hall, Lobby Level

The Port of Lake Charles and Lake Charles Stevedores, Inc., a P&O Company

Special Guest: The Honorable Sam Brownback, U.S. Senator - Kansas

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 Continental Breakfast Ballroom Level

Sponsored by CSX Transportation and Reserve Marine Terminals - Transfer Logistics Virginia

8:30 GENERAL SESSION Regency Ballroom

World Trade Negotiations and Food Aid Issues

James Grueff, Assistant Deputy Administrator for International Trade Policy, FAS, USDA

9:15 Information Technology Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond

Moderator: Tim Reaman, FSA, USDA

Panel: Nelson Randall, Ethel Bowers, and David Liem, FSA, USDA; Ron Croushorn, FAS, USDA; and Jim Thompson, USAID

10:00 Break Ballroom Level

Sponsored by Jacintoport International LP, Houston, Texas

10:30 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

2-A Processed and Bulk Commodity Procurement (1-A Repeat) Empire A

2-B Ocean Transportation -A Look Into The Future (1-B Repeat) Empire B

Moderator: Mark Rowse, USAID

Panel: Ravi Singh, Panalpina; Fred Haden, Potomac Marine; and Ken Martin, FSA, USDA

2-C Discharge and Destination Surveys Empire C

Ever wonder why a survey is required or what to look for in a survey company? Come learn about PVO survey contracting experiences.

Moderator: Paul Cacciatore, FSA, USDA

Panel: Daniel O'Rourke, Control Union USA, Inc.; Philip Davie, GWF Franklin, S.A.; Rachel Grant, World Vision; Mark Smith, The American Red Cross; Patsy Carleton, FSA, USDA; and Tom Ewert, Mercy Corps International

2-D Procurement Preference Programs Chouteau A

Learn the intricacies of preference programs that apply to 8(a), HUBZones, SDB, and JWOD firms and ways these programs impact procurement processes. Panelists provided assistance in writing much of the preference program legislation.

Moderator: Dean Jensen, FSA, USDA

Panel: Chris Sterns, National Industries for the Blind; Sherri Hungate, NISH; Sherry Cohen, Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization, USDA; Arthur E. Collins, Jr and Marlin Francksen, Small Business Administration (SBA)

2-E Commodity Operations System Chouteau B

An update for current users of the Food Aid Request Entry System, an Internet ordering system now functional in its first phase, will be presented. Prototypes of the Invitation Preparation System and Export Bid Evaluation System will also be demonstrated.

Moderator: Ethel Bowers, FSA, USDA

Panel: Carolyn Stapp and David Liem, FSA, USDA

2-F FAS Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Programming (1-E Repeat) Van Horn

2-G Total Quality System Audit (1-F Repeat) Benton

12:00	LUNCH Introduction by James Little , Administrator, FSA, USDA Special Guest: The Honorable Bob Dole, former U.S. Senator - Kansas	Pershing Hall
1:30	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	3-A U.S. Grain Standards and Inspection System Empire A An overview of the U.S. Standards for Grain and the official inspection system, including a review of the grading process, presented by members of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) and Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). Presenters: Michael Eustrom and Brian McKee, GIPSA-FGIS, USDA	
	3-B Foreign Distribution Empire B Several PVOs will provide a glimpse of what it is like to be involved in the foreign discharge and distribution end of the food aid chain. The arrival process, types of programs involved, and food resource principles will be discussed. Moderator: Joe Gerstle, Consultant, Association of PVOs Panel: Robert Cooke, ADRA; Janine Scott, Africare; and Dave Evans, Food for the Hungry	
	3-C Commodity Industry Representatives Empire C Industry spokespersons will provide suggestions to those contemplating ordering food aid products. Information provided will include whole grain and packaged product specifications, product uses, correct markets for value comparisons, and compliance with in-country market requirements. Moderator: John Oades, U.S. Wheat Associates Panel: Nina Schlossman, U.S. Potato Board; Chris Corry, U.S. Grains Council; and Veronique Legrange, U.S. Dairy Export Council	
	3-D Procurement Preference Programs (2-D Repeat) Chouteau A	
	3-E Commodity Operations System (2-E Repeat) Chouteau B Presenters: David Liem and Carolyn Stapp, FSA, USDA	
	3-F Famine Early Warning System (FEWS) Van Horn B USAID staff will present and explain this new data collection tool that analyzes factors such as climate, infrastructure of a country or region, and economic and political situations to assist in forecasting potential distress or possible famines. Presenters: Will Whelan and Romaine Williams, USAID	
	3-G Information Technology Developments Benton Several NGOs will present IT systems currently in use and in development for managing and monitoring the progress of international food aid shipments. Moderator: Ethel Bowers, FSA, USDA Panel: Wally Lee and Anisya Thomas, Fritz Institute; Ravi Singh, Panalpina; and Jim Mead, BKA Logistics; and Tom Ewert, Mercy Corps	
3:00	Break	Ballroom Level
3:30	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	4-A The U.S. Grain Standards & Inspection System Empire A (3-A Repeat)	
	4-B Foreign Distribution Empire B (3-B Repeat)	
	4-C Commodity Industry Representatives Empire C (3-C Repeat)	

	4-D Food Aid from "A To Z" - Part 2 on Video Chouteau A (Continues from 1-D) Vendors - James Warshaw, Farmers Rice Mill Ports - Nathan Sukiennik, The Port of Lake Charles, LA Vessel Loading Observation - Bill Lyons, SGS Control Services Freight Forwarders - Paul Blizzard, Muller Shipping Corporation Ocean Freight Carriers - H. Keith Powell, Potomac Marine Surveyors - Daniel O'Rourke, Control Union USA, Inc. FSA-USDA-Product Loss Issues - Steve Searcy PVOs as Receivers Abroad - Joe Gerstle, Catholic Relief Services at taping	
	4-E Famine Early Warning System (3-F Repeat) Van Horn B	
	4-F Information Technology Developments (3-G Repeat) Benton	
5:00	Dismiss	

Thursday, April 17

7:15	Continental Breakfast	Ballroom Level
8:00	GENERAL SESSION	Regency Ballroom
	<i>International Trade, Science, and Growing Promise of Biotech Commodities</i> • David Hegwood , Office of the Secretary, USDA Biotechnology Discussion Moderator: Kirk Miller, General Sales Manager, FAS, USDA Panel: Josette Lewis, USAID; Bobby Richey, FAS, USDA; David Shipman, GIPSA, USDA; Fred Kuchler, ERS, USDA; and Gary Martin, NAEGA	
10:00	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS	
11:00	Closing Remarks • Steve Miteff , FSA, USDA	
11:15	Adjourn	

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